he football team persevered with determination during their season this year. A collective force, the team was the definition of teamwork. Even if the outlook was looking grim, the football team never lost hope and battled against their opponents with the ferocity of wild bears. During their quest for triumph on the field, the athletes remained strong as they made intense memories in each game. The team sought after victory in their very first game of the season against the Northeast Mississippi Tigers with a final score of 33-28. This win pumped up the Bears' spirit and gave them a relentless drive to conquer their enemies in future games. The football season was a long and hard one, but the players kept a firm grasp on their team bond and endured through each trial.

The team was under new guidance this year as Tim Stowers took the position as head coach for the season. Under Stowers, freshman and sophomore quarterbacks Carlos Rogers and Da'Bryan Magee encouraged all their teammates to give their best efforts regardless of the outcome of the game. With the prospect of a new coach looming over their heads, each team members gave their all and pushed to prove they were the best. The Bears certainly set the stage for the rest of the season with their victory against the Tigers, and the spirits of everyone on campus were raised as they rejoiced.

Tim Stowers was pleased with the team's victory for their first game of the season. "It was a great team win," Head Coach Stowers said. "I've been at this job just a little less than four months, but I thought we did some things to kind of bring the team together to win that kind of team game."

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opposite page: Dedric Smith, Austin Adams, Cameron Darden, Juandaris Reed, and Jeremy Gibson block and tackle to open a running lane for Da'Bryan Magee to gain yards

